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John E. Hutchins, et al.

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PAPILOTOMY AND SPHINCTEROTOMY

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced
Patent Application:

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (5 pages)

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.